



North Carolina National Guard Officer Candidate School Alumni Association CONSTITUTION



ARTICLE I

Name: The name of the organization is “North Carolina National Guard Officer Candidate School Alumni Association”, hereafter referred to as the “Association”. The organization is formed to promote the social welfare of soldiers (officers/warrant officers) by providing social, recreational and other support activities for its members and for Officer Candidates currently enrolled in the Officer Candidate School.

ARTICLE II

Objectives: The objectives of the Association are to provide social, recreational, and other support resources and activities for its members and for Officer Candidates currently enrolled in the Officer Candidate School. Individual members will not have any proprietary interest in the Association. All debts of, and claims against, the North Carolina National Guard Officer Candidate School Alumni Association are the sole obligation and responsibility of its members. No part of the net earnings from the Association's operations will inure to the benefit of any individual member.

ARTICLE III

Membership:

A. The Association is an organization consisting of past and present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, primarily the National Guard, who have graduated from the North Carolina Army National Guard Officer Candidate School whether they have accepted their commission or not, and, any Commissioned Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or enlisted soldier that is currently a faculty member at the North Carolina Army National Guard Officer Candidate School.

B. It is the Association's intention that this organization, by adhering to the membership requirements set forth, will be exempt from Federal income tax under IRS Code Sections 501(c.) (19).

C. Membership of the Association. Members of the Association are those individuals fitting the classification categories listed below and who are in good standing having fulfilled all payment of financial obligations. Persons terminated for cause shall not continue to be members. Membership is available to any (all ranks of the Army National Guard) individuals who have graduated from North Carolina Officer Candidate School, and current/ past faculty of the OCS Program.

Membership is on a volunteer basis, and there will not be a penalty to any service member who does not participate. However, the rights of a member of the Association are applicable to only those who choose to participate.

1. Active Alumni: Active membership will be offered to all (currently active/retired) Commissioned Officers. Active members participate in the management of the Association, are authorized to hold office in the Association and vote upon all matters in which the members have an interest.

2. Associate Member: Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and enlisted Soldiers that have graduated from the North Carolina National Guard Officer Candidate School and /or currently are faculty of the OCS Program. An associate is any individual who desires membership but does not fit the criteria mentioned above. Said person may be granted Associate Membership upon written recommendation of an Active Alumni and with a majority vote of the Board.

3. Honorary Member: An Honorary Member is any individual who desires or who is voted in as an honorary member that is a widow of a Graduate of the North Carolina National Guard Officer Candidate School or is selected because of their contribution to the NC OCS program. Honorary members will not have annual dues.

D. Termination of Membership.

1. Active membership will be terminated for the following:

a. Non-payment of dues within 90 days of payment due date.

b. Conduct unbecoming an Officer, NCO, or member of the North Carolina National Guard or National Guard member of Associate's State.

2. Authority: The Board of Directors has authority to determine if behavior is unbecoming and to take appropriate action against a member when necessary. Notification to member and membership will be in a timely manner if adverse action is considered except that if the reason, (i.e.; failure to make financial payment) is automatic and requires no specific action by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

Dues and Fees:

A. Dues: The Association Board will recommend Dues annually; Active and Associate Members will be notified of such in a timely manner.

B. Fees: Fees will be assessed on special functions or for the purchase of items that become available to members of the Association. Fees may be assessed to cover expenses of dining - in, annual dinner dance, guest's expenses at any function, or any special function. Fees will be collected only to cover the actual costs for such an affair and the Board may not charge anything over the actual cost for such an event. However, the Board may make available to members'

special items for purchase, i.e.: Association Mugs, Sweatshirts, T-shirts etc. at a reasonable fee to help defray the cost of any event that is planned.

C. Increase of Dues: Increases in dues may be made only upon a majority vote of the voting membership of the Association.

D. Refunds: There will not be a refund to any member upon termination of membership for any reason.

E. Other Memberships: All members will be responsible for their own membership in NGAUS/NCNGA, respectively.

F. Payment: Dues shall be paid to “North Carolina National Guard OCS Alumni Association” as follows:

1. Upon initial enrollment, and annually thereafter.
2. By January 31 of each calendar year

G. Statement: A statement of dues owed will be made available to any member desiring such upon request of said member. Responsibility of payment is to each member as described above.

ARTICLE V

Administration.

A. The establishment, administration, operation, and dissolution of the Association is under the general auspices of the Commander 139th Regiment (CATB).

B. The Board: The Board will consist of (5) members selected by the Alumni membership and two (2) representatives selected from the 139th Regiment (CATB). The 139th Regiment (CATB) representatives will be responsible for maintaining Financial and Administrative records of the Alumni Association. The Board shall be responsible for conducting the executive and administrative affairs of the Association. This action will be administered in the format of Roberts Rules of Orders.

C. Nomination to the Board: The prerequisites to becoming a Board Member are: Active membership in the Association and the nominee must be in good standing.

D. Term of Office: Each member of the Board will serve either one-year or two year terms in order to maintain continuity in the association. If through resignation or termination of membership in the Association of a board member, all tie breaking votes will be cast by the President, until the next year when the empty seat(s) will be filled through the general election of officers to the board.

E. Officers of the Board: The Five (5) elected Officers of the Board consist of President, Vice-President, Sgt at Arms, and two members from the Association. The Secretary, and the Treasurer, designated by the 139th Regiment, will be the custodian of funds and administration who will serve as such at the direction of the Board.

1. President: The executive control of the Association rests with the President, and the maximum term of office is two (2) consecutive years. The President shall be co-signer on all checks payable from the Association.

2. Vice-President: The Vice President will run the Association meetings in the absence of the President.

3. Sgt at Arms : The Sgt at Arms is a voting member of the Board and responsible for the general order of meetings. He is also responsible for counting ballots or votes of the assembly.

4. Member: Voting member of the Board and responsible for assisting in ensuring objectives of the Board are being worked.

5. Secretary: The Secretary will take minutes of all Board and General Membership meetings. The minutes will be certified by one other Board member to be true and accurate and be maintained as historical documents along with the fiscal records of the Association. The 139th Regiment (CATB) will elect replacement every three (3) years or as necessary to ensure continuity of the administration of the Board.

6. Treasurer: This person is responsible for the collection and disbursement of funds for the Association. The Treasurer will maintain a balanced book and submit annual budget for review. The Board must approve this individual.

7. Board Members: In addition to the individual duties and responsibilities of the Board Members, the Board is specifically charged with formulating appropriate policies to ensure moderation in the use of alcoholic beverages within Association facilities and during Association activities. Under no circumstances will the Association offer alcoholic beverages for sale or to a minor.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

A. General: The Board will meet at the call of the President. Proceedings will be recorded, will indicate the number of attendance, and will include copies of the most recent financial statements of the Association Fund. Inventories and reports of committees when appointed by the Board and the minutes of each meeting will also be taken. Action by the Board will be by majority vote of the total Board members present at the time of the vote. This will be recorded.

B. Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at a venue determined by the Board. The Board will determine the time and place. Notice will be made known to the membership in the OCS Alumni newsletter and the Website.

C. Requirements of Meetings: Meetings will not interfere with training requirements of the 139th Regiment (CA) Training Institute.

ARTICLE VII

Committees. The President may appoint any committee, which it deems necessary, and appoint a Chairman thereof. Any committee so appointed shall perform such functions and duties as assigned and render to the Board such reports as the Association Board may request.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments. The Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote.

A. At the Annual Meeting of the Association, any changes in the By-Laws or the Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present.

B. Any proposed amendments must be provided to the general membership at least one month prior to the annual meeting in order that the proposal can be properly reviewed/evaluated by the membership before voting.

C. This Constitution, and any amendments hereto and By-Laws shall become effective upon Adoption by an affirmative vote of the majority of the active voting members.

ARTICLE IX

Privileges. All members of the Association, their families and guests of the Association, except as otherwise stated in these Articles, may enjoy the facilities of the Association, subject to the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution. At such time as it is determined by the two thirds of the members of the Association that the Association should be dissolved, all property and funds shall be disposed of in such a manner as determined by the Board in accordance with NCNG regulations. Within ten (10) days after receipt of notification that the Association is to be dissolved, all outstanding obligations pertaining thereto will be liquidated. At such time as all obligations have been paid, the President shall call a special meeting of the active members at the time of dissolution to determine disposition of all remaining assets of the Association.

Above Constitution and attached By-Laws were approved by a majority of the active members present at the Initial meeting held at North Carolina on the ____ Day of ____, 20XX. In Accordance with Article IX herein, they become effective as of the same date.

Approved:

ANNEXES:

ANNEX A - Roster of Steering Committee Members

ANNEX B - Initial Dues

ANNEX C – 2006 Major Events Calendar

ANNEX A (Roster of Steering Committee Members) TO NCNG OCS Alumni Association
CONSTITUTION
DATED xxxx,xx,xxxx

Steering Committee Members

The following are current Steering Committee Members of the Association:

PRESIDENT-----COL Drew Goodwin (OC-18)
VICE PRESIDENT----- COL Bernard Coleman (OC-21)
SECRETARY----- CW3 Kimberly Gray
139th Regiment (CA) Staff
TREASURER-----LTC Mark Teachey (OC-24)
139th Regiment (CA) AO
RETIRED REPRESENTATIVE-----COL Zeb Reagan (OC-17)
COL Doug Phelps
ACTIVE REPRESENTATIVE-----LTC Mark Nelson (OC-24)
1LT Jacquelyn Burns
2LT Katherine Swistak

ANNEX B (Initial Dues of the Alumni Association) TO NCNG OCS Alumni Association
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DATED xxxx,xx,xxxx

DUES: Use the National OCS dues and exemptions.

Initial offering: Any one wishing to join as Active or associate members during the initial standup of this association will have an opportunity to do so based on the following rates:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Graduate of NC OCS)

- \$10.00 per Year
- \$100.00 Life

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Non-NC OCS Graduates, OCS Staff)

- \$10.00 per Year
- \$100.00 Life

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (Spouse of Deceased NC OCS Graduate)

- No Fee

This initial membership fee will remain in effect unless changed by the majority of the voting membership.

This is to help jump start the Association and give some working funds.

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PHASE I: (Oct 2005 to December 2006) Steering Committee Alumni Association Development

PHASE II: (Jun –Nov 2006)

Purpose is to increase awareness of the OCS Alumni Association, to get membership applications into the OCS Alumni Association, and provide handouts to those interested in joining the Association.

1. OCS GRADUATION: 19 AUGUST 2006 NCMA
2. RETIREE EVENT : Date TBA JFHQS Drill Hall Floor
3. TAG LDRS CONF: 22 – 24 SEP (Tentative- Sheraton-RTP)
4. NC MILITARY BALL : 11 NOV (TBA)

PHASE III: INITIAL OCS ALUMNI MEETING (Tentative)
(18 DEC – 1300hrs) – NCMA- Auditorium